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## **II. Copies of Listed References**

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☐ B. Copies of all references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 have already been supplied during the prosecution of prior application Serial No. \_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_, from which the present application claims priority pursuant to 35 USC § 120. Therefore, pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.98(d), copies of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are not now being supplied.

☐ C. This application is a PCT national stage application, all references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 were cited in the European search report, and PCT/DO/EO/903 indicates that both the European search report and the copies of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are in this national stage file.

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**III. Concise Statement of Relevance**

- ☐ A. All references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are in the English language, and, therefore, a concise statement of relevance is not required.
- ☐ B. A concise statement of the relevance of all references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 that are *not in the English language*, is being provided on a separate sheet.
- ☐ C. All references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 were cited in the European Search report issued by the European Patent Office, and an English-language version of that search report, which indicates the degree of relevance found by that Patent Office, is attached.
- ☐ D. This application is a PCT national stage application, all references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 were cited in the European search report, and a copy of that search report, which indicates the degree of relevance found by the European Search Authority, is attached.
- ☐ E. All listed on the attached Form PTO 1449 were cited during the prosecution of the prior application indicated above under II.B.

**IV. Additional Information**

- ☐ A. In addition to the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449,

Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the Examiner the following abandoned or co-pending U.S. patent applications:

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☐ B. In addition of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the Examiner the information provided on the attached sheet.

Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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	4	DE 101 04 499		BIET, WERNER		
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	7	DE 10200495	07/10/2003	DEUTSCHE TELEKOM AG		
	8	WO 0111571	02/15/2001	MANNESMANN AG; WIDL, ANDREAS; BARKER, RONALD; HERTLE, JOCHEN	* Abstract in English	
	9	WO 03063088	07/31/2003	MOGID S.A; KELLER, PHILIP	in English	

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